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OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED

New York dairy herds produced 1.05 billion pounds of milk during October. Milk cows declined while production per cow was up from the previous year resulting in a 4.7 percent increase in milk production compared to October 2009. The number of milk cows averaged 611,000 head, down 3,000 head from October of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,725 pounds, up 85 pounds from the October 2009 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$19.20 per hundredweight of milk sold during October, up 60 cents from September and \$4.20 more than October a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009, but unchanged from September 2010.

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